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October 2012

October 1st

While president Obama continues to increase his lead against Mitt Romney, ONE REPUBLICAN SAYS the debates will change that. (Take SOT) Wednesday night's the restart of this campaign and I think you're going to start to see those numbers move right back in the other direction.

October 2nd

Now that we are in October, searches have been spiking on yahoo for halloween costumes. Here are the costumes people have searched the most over the last 30 days...

1. Ewok
2. Lion
3. Flying Monkey ("Wizard of Oz")
4. Yoshi
5. Minnie Mouse

but, if none of those strike you, maybe you could go topical. Here are some things that were hot in 20-12 that would make great costumes

PSY

Replacement Refs

Botched Fresco Jesus

Patricia Krentcil, "The Tanning Mom"

Ermahgerd Girl

OVERLY ATTACHED GIRLFRIEND

Voter identification comes to a head today in Pennsylvania. A JUDGE will RULE WHETHER TO UPHOLD A NEW STATE LAW REQUIRING EVERY VOTER TO PRESENT A PHOTO I-D AT THE POLLS. SUPPORTERS SAY it PREVENTS VOTER FRAUD, opponents say it discriminates!

"Disabled citizens like myself, seniors, other disenfranchised voters with a history of voting, a good record, are forced to come in person to prove who we are to exercise our constitutional rights. I think it's shameful." The bigger story is, IT would seemingly HELP ROMNEY IN THE ELECTION... Because people who can't afford I-DS GENERALLY VOTE DEMOCRAT.

October 3rd

NEW CAR SALES ARE IN THE FAST LANE... POSTING THEIR BEST MONTH IN 4 YEARS... WITH TOYOTA LEADING THE WAY. BUYERS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LOW INTEREST RATES AND CHEAP FINANCING. TOYOTA'S SALES ROSE 42-PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER. HONDA REPORTED A JUMP OF 31-PERCENT. AND CHRYSLER'S SALES INCREASE 12-PERCENT. INDUSTRY-WIDE... SALES WERE UP NEARLY 13-PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER COMPARED

October 4th

THE REPUBLICANS ARE CELEBRATING THIS MORNING AFTER WHAT MANY OF THEM SEE AS A DEBATE VICTORY FOR THEIR CANDIDATE. A C-N-N POLL RELEASED OVERNIGHT... SAYS 67-PERCENT OF VOTERS WHO WATCHED LAST NIGHT'S POLITICAL SHOWDOWN SAID MITTENS WAS THE BIG WINNER. THAT'S COMPARED TO 25-PERCENT OF THOSE WHO SAID OBAMA CAME OUT ON TOP.

AN OUTBREAK OF A RARE AND DEADLY FORM OF MENINGITIS IS SPREADING. 26 PEOPLE IN FIVE STATES WHO RECEIVED STEROID INJECTIONS HAVE GOTTEN SICK AND 4 PEOPLE HAVE DIED. EIGHTEEN OF THE CASES were born FROM A NASHVILLE CLINIC THAT had RECEIVED THE LARGEST SHIPMENT OF THE SUSPECTED STEROID! THE DRUG WAS MADE BY A SPECIALTY PHARMACY IN MASSACHUSETTS THAT HAS SINCE ISSUED A RECALL.

October 5th

YOU KNOW, EVERY NOW AND THEN WE SAY SOMETHING THAT MAKES US REACT LIKE THIS: WELL, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH HOW MITT ROMNEY IS NOW RESPONDING TO HIS 47-PERCENT REMARKS. LAST NIGHT, HE WENT ON FOX NEWS SAYING THAT HE OPENED MOUTH AND INSERTED FOOT.

Clearly in a campaign with hundreds, if not thousands, of speeches and question and answer sessions, now and then you're going to say something that doesn't come out right. In this case I said something that's just completely wrong.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE BELIEVES HIS *LIFE HAS SHOWN THAT HE CARES ABOUT THE 100-PERCENT... AND THAT IF HE BECOMES PRESIDENT IT WILL BE ABOUT HELPING THE 100-PERCENT.

October 8th

IT'S FINALLY PUMPKIN SEASON. So this year, instead of just sticking one on your porch, you should try eating it... because it's good for you in lots of ways!

PUMPKINS HELP WITH WEIGHT LOSS
EVEN PUMPKIN SEEDS OFFER HEALTH BENEFITS
OTHER HEALTH BENEFITS OF PUMPKIN
PROTECTS THE SKIN
GOOD FOR TEETH AND BONES
PREVENTS KIDNEY STONE.

October 9th

You always hear don't eat before bed, but today we are saying screw that! There are some right before bed foods that can help you fall asleep!

YEP, WARM MILK REALLY DOES HELP.

YOGURT

OTHER FOODS YOU CAN EAT TO HELP YOU GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

Caffeine-free tea or sugar-free hot chocolate.

A handful of dry cereal or slice of whole wheat toast.

Graham crackers.

October 10th

LISTEN UP TOYOTA OWNERS...

THE POPULAR CAR MAKER IS ISSUING THEIR LARGEST RECALL FOR A SINGLE-PART EVER!

ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF MILLION CARS IN THE U-S ARE PART OF A RECALL SPANNING MORE THAN SEVEN-MILLION CARS.

TOYOTA SAYS THE DRIVER-SIDE POWER WINDOW UNIT CAN "STICK," OVERHEAT AND POSSIBLY CATCH FIRE.

NO ACCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

SEVERAL MODELS FROM OH-FIVE TO 20-10 ARE EFFECTED SO WE'VE POSTED MORE INFO ON THE D-B-Z DOT COM.

A RARE OUTBREAK OF FUNGAL MENINGITIS HAS CLAIMED FOUR MORE LIVES... BRINGING THE DEATH TOLL TO 12!

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SICK IS NOW 121. THE POTENTIALLY TAINTED STEROID VIALS, WHICH HAVE BEEN RECALLED, WERE SHIPPED TO 76 FACILITIES IN 23 STATES.... So sadly, there may be more victims. The new england area compound is staying "mum" right now!

October 11th

DON'T WORRY. EVEN IF YOU'RE UNEMPLOYED, THERE ARE WAYS TO MAKE THE DOUGH.

APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

BECOME A FREELANCE WRITER

DOG WALKER

ONLINE SURVEYS

SELL WHAT YOU DON'T NEED

THE STAKES ARE HIGH FOR TONIGHT'S VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS VIDEO... REPUBLICAN PAUL RYAN HAS BEEN BUSY PREPARING. AND VEEP JOE BIDEN HAS A HEAVY BURDEN. HE'S GOT TO TRY TO SLOW THE G-O-P'S MOMENTUM after the first "presidential debate." AND THE GAFFE KING MIGHT HAVE HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM.
NEW NUMBERS SHOW 51-PERCENT OF VOTERS HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF him... COMPARED TO RYAN'S 40-PERCENT.
THE DEBATE IS SET FOR 9 P-M EASTERN AND WILL FOCUS ON BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY.

October 12th

GAME 1 OF THE N-H-L SEASON IS... WELL... ON ICE.

The season was SUPPOSED TO START TONIGHT. But the LEAGUE AND PLAYERS continue to duke it out IN THE BIG APPLE OVER contracts! THE N-H-L ESTIMATES THE LEAGUE will lose 240-MILLION BIG ONES WITH THE CANCELLATION OF PRESEASON GAMES AND THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE REGULAR SEASON

October 15th

Survivors and victims families today. A judge will decide at a preliminary hearing whether FRANCESCO SCHETTINO will be charged with causing a shipwreck, manslaughter and abandoning ship. His defense says his actions kept more people from dying. Experts are also expected to reveal the black box info today. 32 people died in the wreck.

LEAPING FOR GLORY AND SCIENCE, FELIX BAUMGARTNER IS IN THE BOOKS FOR THE HIGHEST FREE FALL EVER.

FROM 128,000 FEET UP AND A FREE FALL OF 4 MINUTES AND 20 SECONDS, FELIX BROKE THE SOUND BARRIER TRAVELING AT 834 MPH. HE'S NOW THE ONLY MAN TO EVER REACH THAT SPEED WITHOUT USING A VEHICLE...

AND HE LANDED ON HIS FEET! NASA HOPES TO IMPROVE FUTURE SPACE SUITS BASED ON THE DATA COLLECTED BY THE REDBULL SPONSORED STUNT.

October 16th

"UP LIKE A ROCKET, BUT DOWN LIKE A FEATHER"...GAS PRICES CONTINUE TO DIP THIS MORNING BUT AT A SNAIL'S PACE...

NATIONALLY, REGULAR GAS DROPPED FOUR CENTS SINCE LAST WEEK TO three-dollars and 77-cents a gallon. IT GETS WORST EAST TO WEST THOUGH.

OUR BOSTON PEEPS ARE PAYING THREE-88...while DENVER FELL BELOW THE NATION TO THREE-65. LOS ANGELES, STILL DEALING WITH BANK-BUSTING PRICES AT FOUR-DOLLARS AND 63-CENTS A GALLON!

October 17th

IF YOU'RE AN APPLE-AHOLIC... THEN YOU'RE BUZZING ABOUT THIS STORY.

APPLE SENT OUT INVITATIONS TO ITS LATEST PRODUCT RELEASE slated for NEXT WEEK. RUMORS HAVE BEEN SWIRLING FOR A WHILE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO LAUNCH AN I-PAD MINI. AND THIS... KINDA... CONFIRMS IT. THIS INVITATION WAS ALSO GOOD NEWS ON WALL STREET. THE RELEASE STOPPED APPLE STOCKS FROM THEIR RECENT SKID, closing UP 2.4-PERCENT YESTERDAY.

October 18th

WELL THE WORD IS OUT LANCE ARMSTRONG THE GREATEST CYCLIST OF ALL TIME... WAS ALSO THE GREATEST CHEATER OF ALL TIME. NOW THE PUNISHMENT PHASE STARTS AS THE ENDORSeMENT DEALS GO bye, bye, bye.

ALL OF HIS MAIN CYCLING SPONSORS HAVE CUT TIES.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH

TREK BICYCLES

RADIOSHACK

NIKE

EVEN NIKE... WHO STOOD BY KOBE BRYANT AND TIGER WOODS during TheIR salacious SCANDALS! ARMSTRONG WILL LOSE AN ESTIMATED 30 MILLION IN EARNINGS FROM ENDORSEMENTS, ALONG WITH MISSED PUBLIC-SPEAKING FEES.

October 19th

DECADE AFTER DECADE... PASTORS... PROSECUTORS... EVEN POLICE CHIEFS... COVERED UP CASES

OF CHILD MOLESTATION... ALL FOR THE SAKE OF THE BOY SCOUTS GOOD NAME. THAT'S WHAT MORE THAN 14-THOUSAND PAGES OF THE PERVERSION FILES SHOW. THE FILES... RELEASED YESTERDAY... HAVE ALL KINDS OF PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF SEX ABUSE OVER THE YEARS. "I was molested every month of every year from the age of six all the way through to the age of eighteen." MATT SAYS THE SCOUT'S BACKGROUND CHECKS OF VOLUNTEERS IS INSUFFICIENT AND CONTINUES TO LEAVE BOYS VULNERABLE TO MEN LIKE THE ONE WHO ABUSED HIM.

Skywatchers will be treated to a meteor shower this weekend that could produce as many as 60 shooting stars an hour!

U-s-a today reports the yearly shower called Orionids will have peak visibility over the u-s from midnight saturday to just before dawn sunday. This happens every year as the earth passes through the trail of hally's comet.

October 22nd

Is it getting harder to find your mojo in the morning? Maybe it's because you haven't hit the gym since jesus was born! All jokes aside...

We have some sure fire ways TO MOTIVATE you to workout. FREDDIE CUE THE MUSIC!

Deadlines!

A tasty reward

Go for some "me time."

Building confidence

October 23rd

LANCE ARMSTRONG HAS LOST HIS TITLES, HIS SPONSORS, AND HIS CHARITY LIVESTRONG. NOW, HE COULD LOSE SOME COLD HARD CASH!

S-C-A PROMOTIONS PAID THE DOPED UP ARMSTRONG 7 POINT 5 MILLION IN BONUS MONEY FOR WINNING THE TOUR DE FRANCE... NOW THEY WANT THE MONEY BACK! AND THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING... THE SUNDAY TIMES OF LONDON IS CONSIDERING SUING ARMSTRONG OVER A LIBEL CASE THE CYCLIST WON BACK IN 2000. TIME TO MAKE IT RAIN LANCE!

And it looks like obama finally took one across the "polls" board! IN A C-B-S NEWS POLL....THE PREZ won 53-PERCENT TO ROMNEY'S 23-PERCENT. With 24-PERCENT UNDECIDED. C-N-N NUMBERS WERE A LITTLE CLOSER, HOWEVER... WITH OBAMA GETTING 48-PERCENT to MITT's 40.

October 24th

Things are looking up at FACEBOOK as their second earnings report came in just above wall street estimates. THE SOCIAL NETWORK HAD SALES OF NEARLY 1-POINT-3 BILLION DOLLARS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER.

THAT'S UP 24 PERCENT From LAST YEAR. Analysts still say facebook's slow transition to mobile is a problem, but zuckerberg says that is "overblown."

October 25th

The back and forth over libya continues....U-S INTEL now BELIEVES a group connected to AL-QAEDA IN IRAQ.... Helped attack the u-s consulate in libya. THAT WOULD MAKE it the SECOND group with terrorist ties linked to the SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACK THAT KILLED AMBASSADOR CHRIS STEVENS AND 3 OTHER AMERICANS.

WITH ALL THE TALK OF GLASS CEILINGS AND BINDERS FULL OF WOMEN... IT SOUNDS LIKE THE GENDER GAP IN AMERICA IS PRETTY WIDE. BUT HOW DO WE STACK UP AGAINST THE REST OF THE WORLD?

20-12 GLOBAL GENDER GAP REPORT IS OUT, IT RANKS 135 COUNTRIES AND MEASURES THE SIZE OF A NATION'S GENDER GAP IN FOUR KEY AREAS... ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT.

SO HOW DID WE DO?

THE US IS 22ND ON THE LIST JUST BEHIND THE U-K AND CANADA.

THE BEST COUNTRY FOR GIRL POWER is ICELAND

AND THE LAST PLACE A WOMAN WANTS TO BE IS YEMEN -- that gets a big phat "no duh."

October 26th

The EAST COAST is PREPPING FOR "FRANKEN-STORM!"

Hurricane sandy has already killed 21 PEOPLE in cuba, haiti and jamaica.... And now has her sights set on THE U-S! EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS from Boston to New York and even parts of Ohio.... Are lining up out-of-state workers and cancelling employee vacations to deal with the expected power outages! And reserve troops are ready to go.... if the clash of wind, rain and snow brings life to a stand-still anywhere!

"It's the perfect storm. And that's what's going to happen. We're gonna get snow, we're gonna get rain, we're gonna get bad weather. The tides are gonna be unbelievable" JESS will track sandy's timeline, coming up!

IF YOU'RE THINKING OF MOVING IN WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND HEED THIS WARNING...

THAT'S WHAT A NEW STUDY SAYS ANYWAY. IT CLAIMS

*ONE-THIRD OF WOMEN REPORTED EATING MORE AFTER MOVING IN WITH THEIR MEN

*WHILE ONE-THIRD OF MEN SAID THEY ATE LESS AND WOULD ACTUALLY LOSE WEIGHT

October 29th

Here's the very latest on the monster in the making....As hurricane sandy is "eyeing" the the jersey-atlantic city line for landfall, 50 MILLION PEOPLE across several states and up to canada.... are potentially in harm's way. STATES OF EMERGENCY HAVE BEEN DECLARED IN NEW YORK... D-C... MASSachusetts.... MARYLAND... NEW JERSEY... AND CONNECTICUT. 2 MILLION KIDDOS along the east coast are home this morning as CLASSES HAVE BEEN SCRUBBED. NEW YORK... PHILLY... WASHINGTON, D.C. AND BALTIMORE HAVE ALL cut subway service....and "global travel" is already being affected.... As more THAN 7-THOUSAND FLIGHTS are CANCELED so far.

October 30th

BAD NEWS FOR THE SILVER FOX -- ANDERSON COOPER'S VENTURE INTO DAYTIME IS COMING TO AN END AFTER JUST TWO SEASONS.

THAT'S RIGHT -- TELEPICTURES ANNOUNCED ANDERSON LIVE WILL NOT BE RENEWED AFTER THE CURRENT SEASON ENDS IN THE SUMMER OF 20-13. AND LOW RATINGS ARE BEING BLAMED FOR IT. ANDERSON HAS BEEN BUSY COVERING THE HURRICANE FOR HIS MAIN JOB ON CNN. BUT HE DID TAKE TIME TO RELEASE THE STATEMENT. QUOTE ""I am very proud of the work that our terrific staff has put into launching and sustaining our show for two seasons."

THE SHOW WILL CONTINUE TO RUN THROUGH THE SUMMER OF 2013 TO COMPLETE ITS CURRENT SEASON.

October 31st

TODAY IS ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED HOLIDAYS IN THE COUNTRY. AND no tricks here... halloween is the perfect treat for stimulating the economy. THERE'S SOME SERIOUS CASH BEING SPENT ON GHOULISH ITEMS. AMERICAN PARTICIPATION AND NATIONAL SPENDING

- 170 MILLION AMERICANS CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN
- A STAGGERING 8 BILLION DOLLARS SPENT
- 10 MILLION HALLOWEEN CARDS ARE BEING SENT OUT

HALLOWEEN SPENDING

- AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL SPENDING - 61 DOLLARS AND 97 CENTS
- AVERAGE SPENDING ON COSTUMES - 28 DOLLARS AND 65 CENTS
- TOTAL SPENT ON PETS - 370 MILLION DOLLARS

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR COSTUME IDEAS?

- 21% STORE
- 19.6% ONLINE SEARCH
- 13.9% FRIENDS
- 11.4% PRINT MEDIA
- 8.9% FACEBOOK

KIDS PIE CHART

- 23.5% PRINCESS
- 13.1% BATMAN
- 11.1% SPIDER-MAN
- 10.9% WITCH
- 41% OTHERS

November 1st

Here's a ray of sunshine THIS MORNING....LA GUARDIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SAYS it WILL re-OPEN FOR LIMITED TRAVEL STARTING AT 7-AM EASTERN. But it'll TAKE some TIME to catch up to speed.... A total of 19-AND-A-HALF thousand flights have been CANCELED since sunday.

And that picture of political harmony comes as THE LATEST POLLS SHOW OBAMA gaining ground over mitt romney in most BATTLEGROUND STATES! and there is none more important than Ohio! The prez is ahead in "seven different polls" from the buckeye state.... The average lead is 5-points! He's garnered a 6-point advantage in Michigan....As well as IN IOWA! And.... in V-P CANDIDATE....PAUL RYAN'S HOME STATE OF WISCONSIN....

Team obama is leading his republican rivals by 3-percent. BUT overall, the latest WASHINGTON POST A-B-C NEWS POLL... SHOWS THIS CONTEST IN A DEAD HEAT.

November 2nd

THERE'S A HUGE HURRICANE PARTY TAKING PLACE TONIGHT... ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE! The "HURRICANE SANDY:COMING TOGETHER" benefit CONCERT WILL AIR SIMULTANEOUSLY TONIGHT ON VARIOUS NETWORKS and sirius x-m! You can expect performances from....JERSEY NATIVES LIKE BON JOVI AND BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN.... and LONG ISLAND'S BILLY JOEL! X-TINA WILL also make a special appearance. THE MONEY raised WILL go to the red cross.

November 5th

TIGER WOODS IS GOING TO FEEL LIKE OLD MAN AT THE NEXT MASTERS WHEN HE TEES OFF AGAINST A GOLFER THAT IS OLD ENOUGH TO BE HIS SON.

CHINESE TEEN GOLFER TIAN-LANG GUAN JUST WON THE ASIA PACIFIC AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP AND WITH IT... AN INVITATION TO THE MASTERS. AT ONLY 14 YEARS OLD HE WILL BECOME THE YOUNGEST PLAYER IN THE HISTORY OF THE TOURNAMENT. TIGER WON THE U-S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP AT 15... SO IS GUAN THE NEXT GOLF SUPERSTAR?

The average price for a gallon of gas has taken it's biggest dip since 2008 over the past two weeks, in part to hurricane sandy.

people may have had to wait for hours to get gas in new york and new jersey, but because of the lack of travel due to the storm, supply is up. The average price for a gallon is now 3-54. San francisco is paying the most at 4 oh 5 a gallon and memphis gas is the cheapest at 3-11 a gallon.

November 6th

THE state ATTORNEY GENERAL IS LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION IN TO POSSIBLE PRICE GOUGING. He SAYS HE'S RECEIVED MORE THAN 400 COMPLAINTS of GOUGING for GAS, GENERATORS AND OTHER ITEMS in the wake OF SANDY. SOME even COMPLAINED OF BEING CHARGED \$10 FOR A BOX OF MATCHES AND \$7 FOR A LOAF OF BREAD! A SIMILAR INVESTIGATION WAS LAUNCHED LAST WEEK IN NEW JERSEY.

Here's some good news. a record number of young people are finishing highschool and going to college.

and it gets better. The new york times reports This year, for the first time, a third of the nation's 25- to 29-year-olds have earned at least a bachelor's degree. But, A lack of jobs is being attributed to the education bump.

November 7th

THE VOTES are in AND IT'S A SECOND term FOR THE BIG-O! "WE'RE GREATER THAN THE SUM OF OUR INDIVIDUAL AMBITIONS... ..WE REMAIN MORE THAN A COLLECTION OF RED STATE AND BLUE STATES. WE ARE AND FOREVER WILL THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA." PRESIDENT OBAMA claimed his VICTORY overnight IN CHICAGO. The prez WON ALL the BATTLEGROUND STATES... EXCEPT FLORIDA WHERE THE COUNT CONTINUES. Obama also TOOK ROMNEY'S home STATE OF MICHIGAN AND paul RYAN'S HOME TURF OF WISCONSIN.

November 8th

Walmart's official black friday ad is out this morning and it looks like you will need to eat your turkey early to get a deal.They are offering a 75 dollar Walmart gift card with the purchase of an iPad 2... but shoppers have to be in the store and in line between 10 and 11 p.m. on Thanksgiving to get it. Other deals include a 32-inch Emerson h-d L-C-D T-V for 148 bucks... an 80 dollar discount and a 38 dollar Blu-ray player.

November 9th

While UNEMPLOYMENT claims dropped in the latest report.... superstorm "sandy" is causing turbulence! INITIAL CLAIMS DROPPED by 8-THOUSAND LAST WEEK....But the numbers MAY have been DISTORTED BY SANDY, which PREVENTed workers from COLLECTING all the claims. And the numbers will probably go up in the next few weeks because of hurricane-related job losses.

November 12th

It's monday, so we are breaking down beauty by the numbers! Your first number is 2. Because if you want to master

your beauty you'll need these two beauty apps. The first app is The Color Genius for L'Oreal Paris. THE SECOND APP IS CALLED BLOOM BEAUTY TRENDS. YOUR NEXT NUMBER IS \$34.80. THAT'S HOW MUCH YOU'LL NEED TO GET YOUR HANDS ON A PAIR OF THESE STUDED ANKLE BOOTS AND YOUR FINAL NUMBER IS ONE. YOU'LL NEED JUST ONE FEATURE TO CLEAN UP YOUR SLEEK HAIR LOOK. AND THAT'S THE LIPS. PAIR BOLD LIP COLOR WITH SLEEK HAIR.

November 13th

FIRST ROMNEY AND NOW AN ANGRY EX... SESAME STREET IS a rocky road right now! KEVIN CLASH, THE veteran voice BEHIND SESAME STREET'S ELMO.... is on leave after a man came out saying he had a relationship with clash starting when he was 16! That ACCUSER IS NOW 23. CLASH DENIES it started before the man was "legal".... AND show peeps INVESTIGATED BUT FOUND THE CLAIMS TO BE FALSE. CLASH HAD THIS TO SAY. "I AM A GAY MAN. I HAVE NEVER BEEN ASHAMED OF THIS OR TRIED TO HIDE IT, BUT FELT IT WAS A PERSONAL AND PRIVATE MATTER. I HAD A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ACCUSER. IT WAS BETWEEN TWO CONSENTING ADULTS"

November 14th

IT'S BEEN A TOUGH YEAR FOR CHICK-FIL-A'S PUBLIC RELATIONS BUT THEY PROVED IT'S WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE THAT COUNTS. IN A RECENT NATIONAL SURVEY OF 7,600 CONSUMERS, INCLUDING THE FACTORS OF TASTE, SERVICE, CLEANLINESS, ATMOSPHERE AND OVERALL VALUE, CHICK-FIL-A WAS NUMBER ONE. THEY BEAT OUT...RAISING CANE'S, BOSTON MARKET, EL POLLO LOCO, ZAXBY'S, POPEYES, KFC, WINGSTOP, AND CHURCH'S CHICKEN AS THE FAVORITE OVERALL CHICKEN CHAIN.

November 15th

And the president is sticking to his guns about making "fat cats" pay a little more in taxes! OBAMA SAID YESTERDAY THAT in ORDER TO steer us off THIS LOOMING FISCAL CLIFF... HE'S GOING TO UP TAXES FOR THE TOP 2-PERCENT. Part of that MEANS shutting down BUSH-ERA TAX CUTS... WHICH APPLY TO THOSE MAKING MORE THAN 200-K A YEAR. THE BIG O SAID THAT SHOULD PUT ABOUT 1-TRILLION DOLLARS BACK into the economy!

IS THIS THE END OF THE ROAD FOR THE TWINKIE? HOSTESS BRANDS SAID IT WILL GO INTO LIQUIDATION... UNLESS ITS STRIKING BAKERS RETURN TO WORK BY THE END OF TODAY. BAKERS ARE PROTESTING THE TERMS... INCLUDING WAGE AND BENEFIT CUTS IN A NEW CONTRACT IMPOSED IN BANKRUPTCY COURT. THE END OF HOSTESS WOULD PUT 18-THOUSAND people OUT OF work.

November 16th

LOOKS LIKE WE MAY BE ABLE TO AFFORD DEFENSE CUTS AFTER ALL. SENATE REPUBLICAN TOM COBURN OF OKLAHOMA PRESENTED ON CAPITOL HILL YESTERDAY... A 74-PAGE MENU OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPENDING CUTS.... POTENTIALLY SAVING TAXPAYERS 68-BILLION BUCKS OVER 10 YEARS. COBURN AND HIS STAFF CLAIM THEY FOUND SEVERAL CATEGORIES OF NON-DEFENSE SPENDING GOING ON AT THE PENTAGON AND EVEN PUT THE G-O-P UNDER FIRE FOR TURNING A "BLIND EYE" ON DEFENSE CUTS.

As of now, ABOUT ONE-THOUSAND PLAN TO WALK OFF THE JOB ON BLACK FRIDAY. CAMPAIGNING ON SOCIAL SITES COULD MEAN MORE WORKERS WILL join in. They are calling for an end to retaliation against employees who speak out for better pay, fair schedules and affordable health care.

November 19th

This morning, president obama became the first sitting u-s president to visit the country of myanmar. During his 6 hour visit, Obama met with Myanmar's President... and encouraged the country's leaders to continue with political and economic reforms. He also met with Aung San Suu Kyi at her home and lauded her courage and determination. Now, he's off to Cambodia, where he will attend the East Asia Summit.

November 20th

CONGRESSMAN RON PAUL HAS AN ANSWER FOR THE WING NUTS WHO WANT TO SECEDE FROM THE UNION... OK. More than 700,000 SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED SINCE THE ELECTION.... FOR STATES TO BOLT. MANY SEE THIS AS WHINY POLITICAL POSTURING BY A DISENFRANCHISED SECOND PLACE

ELECTORATE... INCLUDING TEXAS GOV. RICK PERRY,
BUT PAUL SAYS...

"IF THE POSSIBILITY OF SECESSION IS COMPLETELY OFF THE TABLE THERE IS NOTHING TO STOP THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM CONTINUING TO ENCROACH ON OUR LIBERTIES, AND NO RECOURSE
FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND TIRED OF IT."

For the first time ever, a government health panel is recommending mass testing for h-i-v.
The wall street journal reports in an effort to slow the spread, the panel is recommending tests for everyone between
the ages of 15 and 65. Numbers show 200 thousand people in the u-s have h-i-v and don't know it.

November 21st

New research shows, when it comes to the new healthcare laws... People have no idea what is coming.
The Washington post reports, most low-income Americans who will become eligible for subsidized insurance are
clueless about what is in the works. Experts say there is not a sense of urgency because the subsidies don't kick in
for another year.

If you are flying to the north east and planning to rent a car for thanksgiving... Good luck!
The Washington post reports there is a serious car rental shortage after hurricane sandy.
Rental cars were among the thousands of cars damaged in the storm.
Rental car companies are trying to bring in more cars from other parts of the country.

November 22nd

Travel will be up for the fourth year-in-a-row today...
But the pain at the pump is about what it was last year...
AND ANALYSTS SAY THE DOWNWARD TREND IN GAS PRICES SHOULD CONTINUE INTO CHRISTMAS!
TRIPLE-A FORECASTS SHOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE COULD DIP AS LOW AS THREE-25 GALLON...
WITH WEST COAST STATES AVERAGING BETWEEN THREE-50 AND THREE-75 BY THE NEW YEAR.
THE HIGHEST AVERAGE THIS YEAR WAS RECORDED IN THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER AT FOUR-67 A
GALLON.

If you or your loved ones are trying to fly in before the turkey is carved today...
Expect a busy airport! thanksgiving travel is up this year so, expect full flights and crowded airports.
For the third year in a row, Chicago O'Hare International and L-a-x will be the busiest airports this Thanksgiving
season, with Chicago O'Hare reclaiming the top spot.
San Francisco International is the third busiest airport followed by,
4. New York LaGuardia
5. Boston Logan International
6. New York J-f-k
7. Orlando International
8. Denver International
9. Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C.
10. Ft. Lauderdale International
and the least busy airport will be Buffalo Niagara International, so it should be smooth sailing if you are flying
through there.

November 23rd

First there was Black Friday, then Cyber Monday
and TOMORROW MARKS THE THIRD ANNUAL Small Business Saturday.
the national movement to get people to shop local is important and Here's why....
the Small Business Administration says there are about 23 million small businesses in the u-s.
And those businesses are responsible for creating 66 percent of net new jobs.
They account for 54-percent of all U-S sales.

If you didn't go home for thanksgiving, but are planning to get there for christmas... You better book a flight today!
we are already past the mid point in november when prices start to go up for domestic christmas flights and after this
week, international fares will start going up as well.
-fares will be up 5% over last year.
-the average ticket will cost \$528 this season
-how to save? Travel on christmas. Fares will be lower, or change plans and travel between now and christmas
where fares are much lower.

November 26th

A POPULAR CHOLESTEROL-CUTTING DRUG IS being RECALLED THIS MORNING. RANBAXY PHARMACEUTICALS BELIEVES TINY GLASS SHARDS MIGHT'VE WORKED THEIR WAY INTO the generic version of lipitor. MORE THAN 40 OF THE 90- AND 500-COUNT BOTTLES of atorvastatin ARE PART OF THE RECALL, WHICH COULD LEAD TO A SHORTAGE OF THE DRUG. WE'VE POSTED MORE RECALL INFO ON OUR WEBSITE, THE D-B-Z DOT COM.

WE MIGHT WANT TO HAVE JESS CHECK THE WEATHER A LITTLE CLOSER...HELL MIGHT HAVE JUST FROZEN OVER. *SEVERAL REPUBLICANS... LIKE SENATOR GRAHAM... ARE NOW WILLING TO EAT THEIR WORDS. THEY'RE SAYING THEY WOULD BE OPEN TO INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE GOVERNMENT COLLECTS IN TAXES. SENATOR GRAHAM SAYS WHEN YOU'RE 16-TRILLION DOLLARS IN DEBT... YOU GOTTA PUT REVENUE ON THE TABLE SOMEHOW.HIS SUGGESTION?! LIMITING DEDUCTIONS FOR THINGS LIKE CHARITABLE GIVING AND MORTGAGE INTEREST.

November 27th

The price tag for the damage done by superstorm sandy is up to 71 point 3 billion... And that is just for new york and new jersey.

New York Governor, Andrew Cuomo, says the state needs 41 point 9 billion...

Including almost 33 billion to repair and restore damaged housing, parks and infrastructure and to cover lost revenue.

New jersey is reporting to have At least 29 point 4 billion in losses.

THE SUPREME COURT SAYS A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT NEEDS TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT WHETHER A KEY REQUIREMENT IN OBAMACARE VIOLATES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM. A PENDING LAWSUIT FROM LIBERTY UNIVERSITY CLAIMED... AMONG OTHER THINGS... THE LAW WOULD LEAD TO TAXPAYER DOLLARS FUNDING ABORTIONS AND CONTRACEPTION. THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SAYS THAT'S NOT THE CASE. IN JUNE... THE JUSTICES UPHELD THE *OVERALL LAW... BUT LEFT ROOM FOR LEGAL CHALLENGES FOR CERTAIN PARTS OF OBAMACARE.

November 28th

HERE'S A SCARY THOUGHT: MORE THAN HALF OF america's YOUNG PEOPLE INFECTED WITH H-I-V... DON'T KNOW IT.

UP 26 PERCENT OF ALL NEW H-I-V CASES.

THERE'S PARTICULAR CONCERN WITH BLACK GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN... WHO MAKE UP 39-PERCENT OF NEW INFECTIONS IN THIS AGE GROUP.

THEY'RE ALSO WORRIED NOT ENOUGH YOUNG PEOPLE IN GENERAL ARE GETTING TESTED FOR THE VIRUS... DESPITE MORE RISKY BEHAVIOR.

THE PRESSURE IS ON THE PENTAGON TO LIFT A BAN BARRING WOMEN THEIR RIGHT TO FIGHT.

FOUR FEMALE SERVICE MEMBERS have FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE PENTAGON ARGUING THE 19-94 RULE KEEPING THEM FROM GROUND COMBAT UNITS IS UNFAIR AND BLOCKS WOMEN FROM PROMOTIONS.

November 29th

THE PENTAGON SAYS IT'S MAKING STRIDES... NOTING DEFENSE SECRETARY LEON PANETTA HAS OPENED ABOUT 14 AND A HALF-THOUSAND COMBAT POSITIONS FOR WOMEN... BUT THE LADIES' A-C-L-U LAWYER SAYS THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.

Out WITH THE DOLLA BILLS Y'ALL AND IN WITH THE COINS...

THAT'S what THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE IS SUGGESTING.

IT SAYS THE SWITCH FROM PAPER ONE-DOLLER BILLS TO COINS WILL SAVE THE U-S MORE THAN 4-BILLION BUCKS OVER 30-YEARS.

THE COINS WOULD COST 30 CENTS A PIECE TO PRODUCE WHILE THE BILLS ARE ONLY FIVE CENTS EACH.

BUT THE G-A-O SAYS THE COINS WILL LAST 30 YEARS COMPARED TO THE FIVE-YEAR LIFE SPAN OF A PAPER BILL.

Senator Dick Durbin will meet with the head of the army corps of engineers today in an effort to keep the drought stricken mississippi river flowing.

U-S-A today reports the river could get so low in the next week, it could stop barge traffic and disrupt billions in commerce. The corps is looking to blow up some rocks to increase the flow.

November 30th

ITS GETTING HOT IN HEEER! IT LOOKS LIKE GLOBAL WARMING JUST KICKED IT UP A NOTCH.}

U-S-A TODAY REPORTS THE POLAR ICE SHEETS IN GREENLAND AND ANTARCTICA ARE NOW MELTING THREE TIMES FASTER THAN THEY DID IN THE 90'S. THIS ADDED ABOUT HALF AN INCH TO RISING SEA LEVELS, NOT AS BAD AS SOME EARLIER WORST CASE SCENARIOS, BUT ITS NOT A GOOD SIGN.

THAT NOTORIOUS FISCAL CLIFF IS GETTING CLOSER... AND HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER SAYS HE'S NOT A HAPPY CAMPER.

Democrats have yet to get serious about real spending and cuts. And secondly, no substantive progress has been made in the talks between the White House and the House over the last two weeks. THESE GUYS BETTER GET THEIR BUTTS IN GEAR. THE DEADLINE TO COME UP WITH A PLAN OR FALL OFF THAT DREADED CLIFF... IS ONE MONTH TODAY!

December 3rd

the fern lake fire burning in colorado... is responsible for more evacuations over the weekend.

the denver post reports the fire, which has been burning since october 9th, has charred more than 35 hundred acres.

High winds have kept crews from putting out the blaze and caused evacuations when the fire got close to phone lines.

NORTHERN CALI HAS GONE THROUGH THREE STORM SYSTEMS... AND NOW THEY'RE GETTING READY FOR A FOURTH!

THE GOLDEN STATE IS COUNTING THEIR BLESSINGS, THOUGH.

THEY WERE WORRIED ALL THAT RAIN YESTERDAY ON ALREADY SATURATED GROUND WOULD CAUSE SEVERE FLOODING.

BUT THE LATEST SYSTEM MOVED THROUGH SO QUICKLY... IT DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE.

SOME AREAS YESTERDAY GOT AS MUCH AS AN INCH OF RAIN PER HOUR... TOPPLING TREES AND KNOCKING OUT ELECTRICITY TO up to a hundred THOUSAND CUSTOMERS at one point.

December 4th

Well FLU season has come early! The c-d-c says there are enough cases in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas to call an "official" start to the sick season! IT'S THE EARLIEST FLU SEASON IN A DECADE and is EXPECTED TO BE A DOOZY THIS YEAR! BUT THE SILVER LINING... THIS YEAR'S VACCINE IS A GOOD MATCH for THIS YEAR'S BUG.

FORD IS RECALLING TWO OF IT'S BEST-SELLING MODELS OVER FIRE FEARS THIS MORNING. NEW 20-13 ESCAPE CROSSOVERs AND FUSION MID-SIZE ECO-BOOST SEDANS ARE getting the recall BECAUSE THEY CAN OVERHEAT AND CATCH FIRE! FORD SAY NO ONE HAS BEEN HURT BUT THEY AREN'T SURE HOW TO FIX THE PROBLEM YET AND WILL GIVE FREE LOANERS TO CAR OWNERS. A LINK TO FORD'S RECALL WEBSITE IS POSTED ON THE D-B-Z DOT COM.

December 5th

AS EXPECTED... THE PREZ SAYS "NO WAY" TO THE G-O-P'S LATEST PROPOSAL TO AVOID THAT FISCAL CLIFF AND SAYS HE'S NOT GOING TO AGREE TO ANYTHING UNLESS...

We're going to have to see the rates on the top 2% go up. And we're not going to be able to get a deal without it.>
THE LATEST PROPOSAL FROM THE G-O-P WANTED TO COLLECT NEW TAXES FROM HIGH EARNERS BY LIMITING THEIR DEDUCTIONS AND TAX BREAKS.

AND UNLESS DEMS AND REPUBLICANS CAN COME TO AN AGREEMENT... AND SOON... TAXES ARE GOING TO GO UP FOR 90-PERCENT OF US!

AND AS IF BALANCING THE BUDGET ISN'T ALREADY A CHALLENGE... THE 3 STATES HIT HARDEST BY SUPER STORM SANDY ARE REQUESTING 80-BILLION IN EMERGENCY FUNDING.

LATER TODAY... SENATORS FROM JERSEY... NEW YORK... AND CONNECTICUT WILL MAKE THEIR CASES BEFORE THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. NEW "JOYZEY" GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE HAS ALREADY REQUESTED 100-PERCENT REIMBURSEMENT INSTEAD OF THE USUAL 75-PERCENT.

December 6th

THE FED WANTS A POPULAR BABY RECLINER RECALLED AFTER FIVE INFANT-DEATHS. THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION IS SUING THE COMPANY "BABY MATTERS" CLAIMING NEWER "NAP NANNY" AND "NAP NANNY CHILL" SEAT MODELS MAY HURT OR RESULT IN INFANT DEATHS. THE COMPANY RECALLED FIRST-GENERATION RECLINERS IN 20-10 AFTER A FOUR MONTH OLD DIED... THE C-S-P-C SAYS FOUR OTHER INFANT DEATHS AND MORE THAN 70 COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN FILED SINCE THEN.

president obama is planning to ask congress for for about 50 billion in storm aid to help hurricane sandy victims. the new york times reports the white house will send the proposal to capitol hill this week. but it falls way short of the \$82 billion New York, New Jersey and Connecticut asked for to clean up storm damage, and to improve infrastructure.

December 7th

Forget the secretive "small talk" phone calls, the real negotiations are back on to keep us from falling off the FISCAL CLIFF!

while budget talks resumed between JOHN BOEHNER's staff and the white house, president obama VISITED A MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY IN VIRGINIA YESTERDAY... WHO WOULD BE HARDEST HIT IF A DEAL ISN'T REACHED. AND ONCE AGAIN TALKED ABOUT HIS MAIN DEMAND THAT *HAS TO BE MET! As I've indicated.

The only way to get the kind of revenue for a balanced deficit reduction plan is to make sure that we're also modestly increasing rates for people who can afford it. THERE'S ONLY 25 DAYS LEFT TO GET A DEAL HAMMERED OUT BEFORE WE TAKE THE PLUNGE!

20-12 IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN IN THE RECORD BOOKS AS THE HOTTEST YEAR ON RECORD! WE'RE HAVING A WARM WINTER... WE HAD A RECORD WARM SPRING... A SCORCHING HOT JULY... AND A WARMER THAN AVERAGE FALL. THE AVERAGE NATIONAL TEMPERATURE THROUGH NOVEMBER WAS 57-POINT-1 DEGREES. THE PREVIOUS RECORD WAS 54-POINT-3 DEGREES BACK IN 1998.

December 10th

GOOD NEWS IF YOU'RE FAMILY SLEIGH IS HITTING THE ROAD FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. GAS PRICES ARE DROPPING FAST. A NEW LUNDBERG SURVEY SHOWS PRICES HAVE DROPPED 46-CENTS A GALLON OVER THE PAST 2 MONTHS. SOME REASONS FOR THE DECLINE INCLUDE A DROP IN CRUDE OIL PRICES... SHRINKING SEASONAL DEMAND... AND FIXED PROBLEMS AT REFINERIES. HIGHEST PRICES IN THE COUNTRY?! LONG ISLAND AT 3-EIGHTY FIVE. WHILE THE LOWEST AVERAGE IS MEMPHIS AT 3-OH-4.

MEN AND WOMEN NOW HAVE EQUAL FOOTING IN THE NATION'S JOB RECOVERY. THERE'S STILL MORE EQUALITY WORK TO DO... BUT HEY, WE'LL TAKE IT. THE LABOR DEPARTMENT REPORTS AS OF NOVEMBER, BOTH GENDERS GAINED HALF THE JOBS THEY LOST IN THE RECESSION. AND THE GAP COULD NARROW EVEN FURTHER... BECAUSE THE JOB OUTLOOK FOR EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES... BOTH FEMALE DRIVEN OCCUPATIONS... LOOKS PROMISING.

December 11th

A NEW GOVERNMENT REPORT WILL HAVE YOU FEELIN' SAFER WHEN YOU'RE ON THE ROAD AGAIN. THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION SAYS CRASH-RELATED DEATHS ON U-S HIGHWAYS HIT A 62-YEAR LOW LAST YEAR. THERE WERE JUST OVER 32-HUNDRED HIGHWAYS DEATHS... THE LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 19-56 AND A 26-PERCENT DECLINE SINCE 2005. AND CONNECTICUT, NORTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, OHIO AND MICHIGAN HAD THE LOWEST OVERALL TRAFFIC DEATHS.

America is living longer, BUT sicker. According to u-s-a today, there are DISTURBING levels of obesity, diabetes, and high blood pressure, but ON THE FLIP SIDE less people are dying from heart disease and cancer. overall, vermont was the healthiest state and mississippi and louisiana are tied for least healthy state.

December 12h

THE PREZ AND HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER continue their FISCAL CLIFF negotiations.... OBAMA told reporters he doesn't believe REPUBLICANS WILL make the "middle class pay" for the hot mess of debt that the government has accumulated for decades! BUT BOEHNER CALLED OUT THE BIG O ON THE HOUSE FLOOR... SAYING THE PREZ IS JUST STALLING NEGOTIATIONS AND HASN'T PROPOSED ENOUGH SPENDING CUTS TO MAKE him happy....

But then again...
when is boehner ever happy?

SPEAKING OF WEDDINGS... WHEN'S THE PERFECT AGE TO TIE THE KNOT?
A NEW STUDY SHOWS COLLEGE KIDS THINK 25 IS JUST THE RIGHT TIME TO GET HITCHED. BUT PARENTS ARE ASKING THEIR KIDS TO HOLD OFF A LITTLE LONGER.
CASE AND POINT... OPRAH'S WORDS TO JUSTIN BIEBER ON MARRIAGE.
PROS TO GETTING MARRIED YOUNG
Women most fertile in their 20s
Have more energy with kids
CONS TO GETTING MARRIED YOUNG
Miss out on party time
Ignore solo-soul-growth

December 13h

SOME BAD NEWS FOR THE HOUSING MARKET THIS MORNING. FORECLOSURES HIT A NINE-MONTH HIGH IN NOVEMBER... EVEN AS THE NUMBER OF HOMES ON THE PATH TO FORECLOSURE FELL TO THE LOWEST LEVEL IN SIX YEARS. MORE THAN 59-THOUSAND HOMES WENT INTO FORECLOSURE LAST MONTH...THAT'S AN 11-PERCENT INCREASE FROM OCTOBER AND UP FIVE-PERCENT FROM LAST NOVEMBER.

THE FED SAYS IT'S DISAPPOINTED WITH OUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY... SO IT'S GOING TO BOOST STIMULUS MEASURES. SO IN ITS FINAL MEETING OF THE YEAR YESTERDAY... IT AGREED TO SPEND 45-BILLION DOLLARS A MONTH TO BUY TREASURY BONDS. THAT'S ON TOP OF THE MORTGAGE BONDS IT'S ALREADY BUYING. CHAIRMAN BEN BERNANKE SAID OFFICIAL INTEREST RATES WILL REMAIN NEAR ZERO... AS LONG AS UNEMPLOYMENT STAYS ABOVE 6-POINT 5 PERCENT. F-Y-I... IT SITS AT 7-POINT-7 PERCENT RIGHT NOW.

December 14th

New this morning... not one but "two" earthquakes just hit southern cali....Both happened with 100 miles of the coast... Near avalon. The first was a magnitude six-point-four and was followed by a six-point-one just second after. We're keeping an eye on updates throughout the morning.

the consumer product safety commission is issuing a warning to parents... anchor your t-vs. U-s-a today reports 29 people were killed in 20-11 due to falling tvs and most of them were children. Everything from old style tvs to flatscreens are to blame. The commission just wants to make parents aware of the danger.

December 17th

THE END IS NEAR AND THAT MEANS IT'S TIME FOR...THAT'S RIGHT. MANY AUTO INDUSTRY INSIDERS AGREE, THE LAST DAYS OF THE FINAL MONTH OF THE YEAR ARE DEFINITELY THE BEST TIME TO buy A NEW VEHICLE. DEALERS ARE IN A HURRY TO PAD AS MANY FINAL NUMBERS ON THE BOOKS and CLEAR ROOM FOR NEW MODELS. THE 27TH THROUGH THE 31ST are best!

IN THE LATEST ON THE FISCAL CLIFF TALKS,
HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER WILL AGREE TO EXTEND THE DEBT LIMIT FOR ONE MORE YEAR. THE CURRENT DEBT CEILING IS AT \$16.4 TRILLION BUT THE OFFER GOES AGAINST MUCH OF WHAT THE GOP HAS BEEN FIGHTING SINCE THE 2010 REPUBLICAN TAKEOVER OF THE HOUSE. THIS ALSO COMES JUST AFTER BOEHNER AGREED TO A HIGHER TAX ON AMERICAN'S MAKING MORE THAN \$1 MILLION

December 18th

And A TOY RECALL, just in time for holiday shopping....THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION is RECALLING the line of "expandable toys".... Water Balz, Growing Skulls, "Despicable Me" and Fabulous Flowers.The marble-sized toys GROW UP TO 400 TIMES THEIR ORIGINAL SIZE when dropped IN WATER and pose a choking hazard. AN 8 YEAR OLD TEXAS GIRL REQUIRED SURGERY AFTER SWALLOWING a WATER BALZ LAST YEAR.

JUST IN TIME FOR HOLIDAY TRAVEL...GAS PRICES ARE down.

the national average is sitting at just under 3-25 a gallon. That's the lowest it's been in almost 2 years... And welcome news for over 84 million people who are planning to hit the roads when the holiday period officially gets underway on Saturday.

December 19th

what's worse than ordering a christmas present online and then having it not arrive on time?

According to a new study by customer service analysis group STELLAService

The award for fastest shipping is shared by Zappos.com, Staples.com and OfficeDepot.com

-these three sites take on average one day to deliver orders.

Now here's the worst

5. QVC.com , average shipping time: 5 days 16 hours

4. Store.Apple.com, average shipping time: 6 days

3. Target.com, average shipping time: 6 days 7 hours

2. Walmart.com, average shipping time: 6 days 16 hours

1. JCPenney.com, average shipping time: 9 days

A NEW STUDY SAYS MASS KILLINGS ACTUALLY HAPPEN ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS IN THE UNITED STATES.

AS SURPRISING AS THAT SOUNDS... THE F-B-I DEFINES MASS KILLINGS AS ANY EVENT WHERE FOUR OR MORE PEOPLE ARE KILLED.

AND ATTACKS RANGE FROM ROBBERIES TO MASSACRES LIKE SANDY HOOK.

BETWEEN 2006 AND NOW...774 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF MASS MURDER...161 OF THOSE PEOPLE WERE YOUNG CHILDREN.

December 20th

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ISSUED IT'S FIRST WINTER STORM WARNING OF THE SEASON AS A LARGE BLIZZARD IS MOVING IT'S WAY ACROSS THE MIDWEST. ROADS WERE SHUT DOWN YESTERDAY INCLUDING A 156 MILE STRETCH OF INTERSTATE 70 BETWEEN DENVER AND KANSAS . Also, delta has announced it will let affected travelers change flights without fees.

IF GETTING A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE IS A LITTLE TOO MUCH FOR YOUR POCKETS RIGHT NOW... WE'RE EDUCATING YOU FOR FREE ON HIGH PAYING JOBS YOU CAN GET WITH A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DEGREE. WELCOME TO DAILY BUZZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE. HERE'S YOUR FUTURE...

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER SALARY \$108,000

REGISTERED NURSES SALARY \$65,000

MEDICAL SONOGRAPHERS SALARY \$64,000

DENTAL HYGIENISTS SALARY \$68,000

December 21th

today marks the official first day of winter and it's coming in like a lion.the major snowstorm sweeping across the country has left at least 7 people dead and as many as 400 thousand people are without power in 13 states. About 5 million people are under a blizzard warning and 17 states, from washington state to maine are under winter weather advisories. Airlines have cancelled about 1 thousand flights ahead of the christmas holiday. Also, there are a lot of major roads out there that are closed. Jess will have more on where this storm is headed in a minute.

YOU'VE GOT CRAMPS, SHIVERS, AND ACES... SOUNDS LIKE YOUR SICK... ONLY PROBLEM IS, YOU'RE NOT. THERE COULD BE SIMPLE ANSWERS TO THESE WEIRD SYMPTOMS... FIRST, YOU'RE LIGHT-HEADED WHEN YOU STAND UP...IT COULD MEAN YOU'RE DEHYDRATED OR HAVE LOW-BLOOD PRESSURE. THE FIX... DRINK FLUIDS AND STAND UP SLOWLY. YOU SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR THE LIGHT-HEADEDNESS DOESN'T GO AWAY OR YOU FAINT.NEXT, FOOT CRAMPS AT NIGHT...COULD BE DUE TO AN ELECTROLYTE IMBALANCE. THE SOLUTION... WALK AROUND THEN MASSAGE THE ACHY MUSCLE. SEE A

DOC IF YOU GET THEM NIGHTLY OR WHILE WALKING... BLOOD-CLOTTING OR NEVER DAMAGE COULD BE TO BLAME.FINALLY, YOU GET FULL BODY SHIVERS...DOCS SAY IT'S PROBABLY A GLITCH IN THE BODY'S ABILITY TO REGULATE TEMPERATURE...IT'S USUALLY CAUSED BY HORMONE CHANGES, LIKE MENOPAUSE, AND SHOULD GO AWAY ON IT'S OWN.
DO SEE A DOC THE SHIVERS LINGERS FOR DAYS... IT COULD BE A SIGN OF INFECTION.

December 26th

THE L-A TIMES REPORTS A GIANT ASTEROID FEARED TO BE ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH THE EARTH WILL NOT SMACK OUR BELOVED PLANET IN 20-40.
ASTRONOMERS THOUGHT IT HAD A ONE-IN-500 CHANCE OF HITTING BUT NOW SAY IT WON'T GET CLOSER THAN THE MOON.
THAT'S GOOD NEWS CONSIDERING IT'S BIG ENOUGH TO POSSIBLY WIPEOUT LIFE ON EARTH.

DID YA FEEL THIS WAY ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS?
HERE ARE SOME NOTEWORTHY RETURN POLICY CHANGES..
TARGET TIGHTENED ITS RETURN POLICY:
SEARS SHORTENED IT'S 'EXTENDED HOLIDAY RETURN POLICY'
TOYS 'R' US

*Sports Authority

*Some items sold by OldNavy.com, Gap.com and BananaRepublic.com must be returned by mail.

*Toys "R" Us Returns = Merchandise credit

December 27th

old man winter is giving the northeast a lashing as we speak.... more than 200 flights are already canceled this morning, as that massive christmas storm moves into NEW YORK and new england! That's on top of the 15-HUNDRED FLIGHTS CANCELED YESTERDAY. This same system dumped record snow in texas and arkansas, before sweeping north. The associated press reports 6 PEOPLE have been killed...and about 2-HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER, mostly IN ARKANSAS. We'll HAVE MORE ON THE STORM IN A MINUTE.

Toyota has agreed to settle a lawsuit with car owners and pay 1 point one billion bucks over the whole unintended acceleration issue.

Under the agreement, Toyota will also install a brake-override system in cars where acceleration pedals got stuck in floor mats, leading them to accelerate unintentionally.

December 31st

THE NEW YEAR IS ALMOST HERE AND WITH IT COMES NEW LAWS! JUST BE CAREFULL WHEN YOU CELEBRATE...TOMORROW, MORE THAN 400 NEW LAWS TAKING EFFECT ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME YOU MAY LIKE AND SOME NO SO MUCH. HERE ARE A FEW that are hitting THE BOOKS. SOME STATES MADE IT ILLEGAL FOR EMPLOYERS TO REQUEST SOCIAL-MEDIA PASSWORDS. SEX OFFENDERS IN ILLINOIS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DRESS UP AS SANTA, THE EASTER BUNNY OR HAND OUT CANDY ON HALLOWEEN. SAME-SEX COUPLES IN MARYLAND WILL BE ABLE TO MARRY.